

Generators and Generator Functions

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>>> def plus_minus(x):
...    yield x
...    yield -x
>>> t = plus_minus(3)
>>> next(t)
3
>>> next(t)
-3
>>> t
<generator object plus_minus ...>
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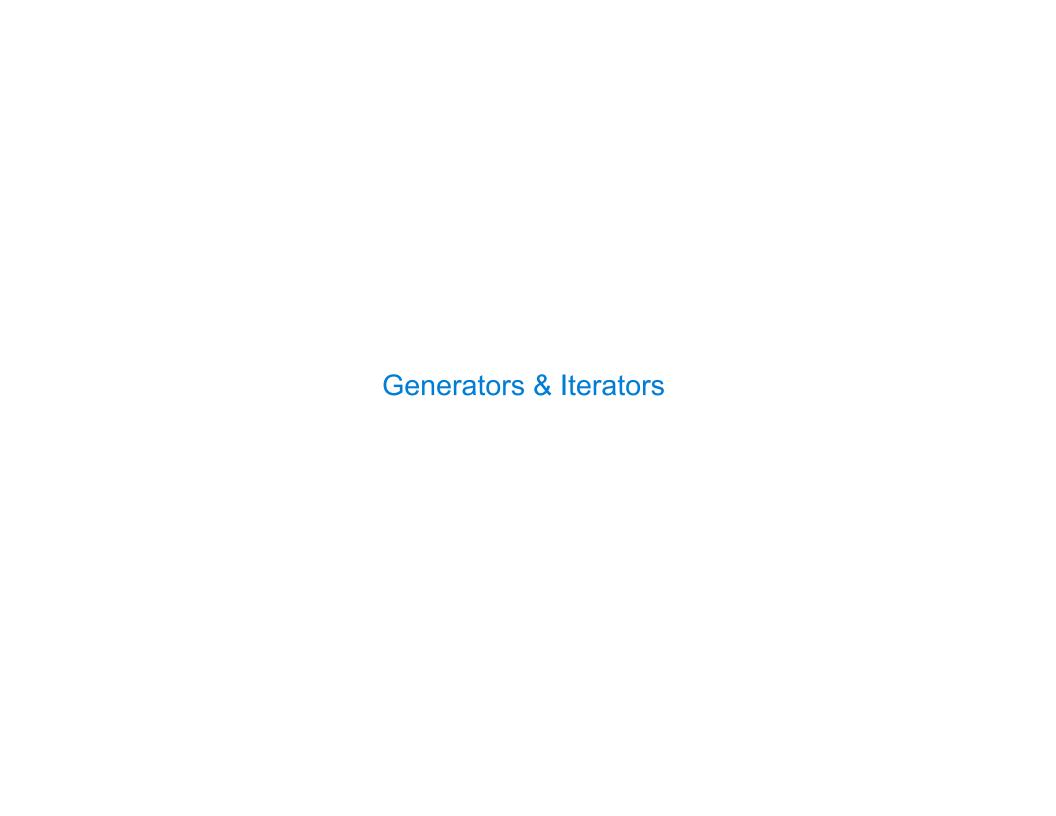
A generator function is a function that yields values instead of returning them

A normal function returns once; a generator function can yield multiple times

A generator is an iterator created automatically by calling a generator function

When a generator function is called, it returns a generator that iterates over its yields

(Demo)



Generator Functions can Yield from Iterables

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A yield from statement yields all values from an iterator or iterable (Python 3.3)
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>>> list(a_then_b([3, 4], [5, 6]))
    [3, 4, 5, 6]
def a_then_b(a, b):
                                def a_then_b(a, b):
  for x in a:
                                  yield from a
    yield x
                                  yield from b
  for x in b:
    yield x
            >>> list(countdown(5))
            [5, 4, 3, 2, 1]
      def countdown(k):
        if k > 0:
           vield k
           yield from countdown(k-1)
                      (Demo)
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Example: Partitions

Yielding Partitions

A partition of a positive integer n, using parts up to size m, is a way in which n can be expressed as the sum of positive integer parts up to m in increasing order.

partitions(6, 4)

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2 + 4 = 6
                                 def count_partitions(n, m):
                                     if n == 0:
1 + 1 + 4 = 6
                                         return 1
3 + 3 = 6
                                     elif n < 0:
                                         return 0
1 + 2 + 3 = 6
                                     elif m == 0:
1 + 1 + 1 + 3 = 6
                                         return 0
                                     else:
2 + 2 + 2 = 6
                                          with m = count partitions(n-m, m)
1 + 1 + 2 + 2 = 6
                                          without m = count partitions(n, m-1)
1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 2 = 6
                                          return with m + without m
1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 6
                                (Demo)
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